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U.S. Patent No. 6,713,968 claims priority to the enclosed Japanese reference: JP 2002-158216. U.S. Patent No. 5,579,019 claims priority to the enclosed Japanese reference: JP 7-106847. Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed. English translations of at least part of all but one of the Japanese documents are enclosed.

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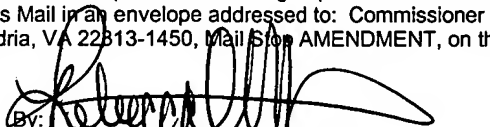
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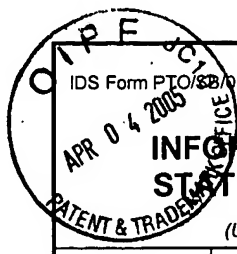
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		US-6,713,968 B2	03/30/2004	Ishii et al.	
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		JP 2002-158216	05/31/2002			Yes, abstract
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